

# TANEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN

Keep Your Eye on Taney—She's All Right! Her Skies are Clear and Full of Cheer, and all her Prospects Bright.

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### Taney County

TANEY is the fourth county from the west line of the state, in the extreme southern tier, and so bordering on Arkansas and enjoying to its fullness the wonderful climate of the "Sunny Side" of the Ozarks, where the temperature rarely touches zero in winter and the nights in summer are always cool enough to make sleep a delight.

The county contains 600 square miles, 422,000 acres, of which about 67,000 acres are under improvement. The soil varies from the rich alluvial bottoms to the strong limestone soils of the ridge, producing successfully wheat, on which the county was awarded the silver medal at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, corn second to none, (a stalk on display in this office measuring seven feet four inches in length,) potatoes, cotton, melons, tame grasses, berries, fruits, vegetables, in fact everything except tropical products, Pears and peaches do especially well.

The surface is rugged and picturesque, covered with forests and traversed by streams of sparkling clearness, among them the beautiful White river, famed for its scenery and its fishy tribes, including the gamey black bass and jack salmon, while the wooded expanses abound in small game of various kinds, including fox, racoon, opossum, squirrel, quail and turkey, affording abundant recreation with rod and gun.

The population of the county by the last census was 10,127, only two of whom were colored and all but 99 American born. Taxes are not heavy. Wood for fuel is plentiful and remarkably cheap, selling in Forsyth for \$1 a wagon-load with side boards. Church and school facilities are fair and increasing, many of the schools manifesting such a spirit of up-to-date-ness as to provide libraries for the use of pupils. Improved farms are valued at \$10 to \$20 an acre, while unimproved lands can be had at \$1.25 to \$2. There are still about 3000 acres of government lands, subject to homestead or cash entry. The county is finely watered, the White river alone winding in and out for about a hundred miles within its borders.

There is considerable timber of commercial value, including hickory, whiteoak, walnut, pine and cedar, and vast mineral wealth, as indicated by the little prospecting that has been done. Our minerals include marble, hydraulic lime, manganese, copper, lead and zinc in their multitudinous forms, silver and gold, recent prospecting showing the presence of both in paying quantities, all of which will afford wealth-making opportunities to men of means, judgment and energy.

In no spot on earth, perhaps, can a poor man so easily acquire a home and make a living, and any man who is honest and energetic will be well rewarded, be he rich or poor. The railroad, (White River line of the Missouri Pacific,) is stimulating enterprise and enhancing values. River trade and electric roads are a certainty of the near future, to give new stimulus to every material interest and enhance all really values. Now is the time to get in right and reap the benefit.

### Official Directory.

STATE.	
Governor	J. W. Folk
Secretary of State	J. E. Swanger
U. S. Senators	W. J. Stone
Member of Congress, 14th Dist.	Wm. Warner
State Senator	Geo. L. Curry
Judge 1st Judicial Circuit	Jour. T. Moore
COUNTY.	
Representative	D. F. McConkey
County Clerk	J. B. Hicks
Recorder of Deeds	J. I. Moore
Circuit Clerk	W. L. Brown
Judge of Probate	J. T. Dickenson
Prosecuting Attorney	H. R. Ahwrey
Collector of Revenue	E. Hall
Treasurer	Jesse Nance
Commissioner of Schools	D. B. Palmer
Assessor	C. A. James
Sheriff	Robert Adams
Coroner	J. W. Brown
Surveyor	M. E. Bird

Circuit Court. Court meets fourth Monday in April and October.

County Court. Pres. Judge J. G. Lewis. Assoc. Judge, W. Dist. D. M. Trammell. Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

Probate Court. Court meets second Monday in February, May, August and November.

SOCIETIES. MASONIC. A. F. and A. M.—Forsyth Lodge No. 353, meets on Saturday upon or after the full moon in each month. H. R. Ahwrey, W. M. J. W. POWELL, Sec.

WOODMEN. M. W. A.—Forsyth Camp No. 850 meets on Tuesday upon or after the full moon in each month. C. H. Groom, V. C. C. H. Groom, Clerk.

O. E. S.—Chapter No. 32, meets first and third Thursdays in each month. Mrs. Bessie Parrish, W. M. H. R. Ahwrey, W. P. A. H. Parrish, Sec.

J. E. EVERLEY, . . .

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Let me insure your home or property before it is too late. I can also sell your farm or town property, and have fine properties in good manufacturing towns to trade for Taney county lands. Office with Dr. C. W. Burdett, Branson.

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I am a farmer and stock-raiser, and have personal knowledge of the lands I handle. Whether you want to go into fruit- or stock-raising, or intend to confine your attention to plain farming, I can suit you. I place my own teams at the disposal of homeseekers, and show farms, without livery charges, to purchasers. Correspondence solicited.

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DRS. PIERCE & HUSTON  
PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS  
Forsyth, Missouri.  
Office over Huston's Drug Store.  
All calls promptly answered.

CHAS. H. GROOM,  
"The Only"  
ABSTRACTOR OF TITLES,  
Forsyth, Missouri.  
Now has the only abstract of title records to Taney county lands, having purchased the books and good-will of the Taney County Abstract Co., and also of McKnight & Aubrey. Charges reasonable and all work guaranteed. Has maps of Taney county \$1.11 at 25c each, by mail.

B. B. PRICE R. C. FORD.  
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Will practice in all the courts of the state.

Real Estate of All Kinds. Mineral Land a Specialty.

J. W. BLANKENSHIP  
Taney County Field Man  
For Wm. H. Johnson PINETOP, MO.

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330 1-2 South St. SPRINGFIELD MO.  
Will visit Forsyth  
March 25 to 30, 1907  
Office at Huston's Drug Store.

### FEED BARN

I have secured the Roles Feed Barn, an am prepared to take care of all business in that line in a manner to satisfy patrons.  
Grain and hay for single horse, 25 cents.  
Grain and hay for team, 35 cents.

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UNDERTAKER'S SUPPLIES always on hand at my store, Garrison, Missouri.  
PRICES REASONABLE  
GEO. T. POAGE

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Always on hand at my rooms on the west side of square, Forsyth.  
J. A. WEATHERMAN.

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### Taney County Bank,

#### FORSYTH, MO.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.  
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Transacts a general banking business; Collections a specialty.

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ROUND TRIP MADE EVERY DAY. Comfortable hacks and good teams.

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PASSENGER RATES:  
Fare One way . . . . . \$1.25.  
Round trip . . . . . \$2.25.

A fine assortment of good rigs at Forsyth and Chadwick.

Tickets are now sold over the Frisco R. R. direct to Forsyth, thus saving the traveler much unnecessary trouble.

W. J. Candel.

### The Troubles of Mr. Bascom.

Mr. Nasby (D. R. Locke,) in reviewing the troubles of Bascom, touches upon conditions which affect Mr. Bascom's "co-laborers" no less today than a quarter of a century ago when he, "Nasby," was chiefly employed, according to his writings, in endeavoring to absorb enough moisture at Bascom's bar to preserve life. He says:

Last nite we wuz all sittin comfable in Bascom's. It wuz a delightful evening we wuz a spendin. The nite wuz cold and chill, and the wind wuz whistlin drearily thro the dark, but the cheerfulness uv the weather outside only made it the better for us. The stove wuz full uv wood and red hot on the top, diffusin heat, wich is life, through the room, the hiss uv Isaker Gavitt's tobakker joose ez hespit cheerfully on to the hot plates, mingled muskily with the 'draft uv the chimney, and Bascom, yeeldin to the seductive influences uv comfort that wuz in the place, hed hot water on the stove, and Mrs. Bascom mixed with her fair hands the hot punches wich ever and anon we ordered.

"Wat a happy life yours is, Bascom!" sed Kernal McPeller.

"Happy!" remarkt Isaker Gavitt, "I shoed say so. Nuthin to do but to sell likker at a profit uv 200 per cent, and every customer you git ded shoer for life."

"Gentlemen," sed Bascom, unbending, for he wuz drinkin hot whiskey, too, "there is advantages in runnin a wet grocery, but it hez its drawbacks. It is tro that there is two-hundred per cent profit, or woud be ef you got paid for it. But, alas! you don't get paid for it all. A ingenious youth comes into my bar, wich hez a small farm, and he gits to takin his sustenance. That woud be all rite for me ef he cood only take his sustenance and take keer uv his farm at the same time. But he don't, and whenever the necessity uv takin sustenance begins to be reglar, just when he mite be uv the most yoose to me, I hev notist ther wuz alluz a fallin off in his corn crop. Corn won't grow unless yoo plant it, hoe and tend it, and a man wich becomes a reglar customer uv mine don't plant tend nor hoe to advantage.

"Then, not hevvin corn to sell, he can't pay for likker, and ez he must hev it, he goes on tick, and finelly mortgages his place. Troo, I aluz git the place, but it woud do better for me

day with me, and he wuz snuffed out in a minit. And then they hung Sam Kitridge, wat shot him, and ther wuz another loss uv about the same. Both on em, hed they lived, woud hev bin my meet for years, for they wuz both strong men, and cood hev endored a pile uv it.

"There are other troubles. It is not pleasant to hev men inflamed with likker beatin each other over their heads with bottles and tumblers, for it destroys glassware, and furnitoor is apt to be broken. I hev often wished I hed a kind uv whiskey wich didn't make maniacs uv them wich drink it, but I never saw any uv that kind. I hev often seen a dozen rollin on the floor to-wunst and when they come to draw in pistols and shooting permiskus, it ain't pleasant nor profitable. I hev hed pistol balls, after goin thro a man, smash bottles in the bar; and how are yoo goin to tell whose pistol did the damage?"

"Besides these drawbax, comes sich ez yoo. Wat yoose are yoo to me? It's 'Bascom, a little old rye strate,' and after my good likker is gone comes the everlastin remark, 'Jist put it down.' That's the disgustin part uv it. Ef yoo cood work and earn suthin and my cash, there woud be suthin in the biznis, but yoo don't."

"To make the sloon biznis wat it ought to be, I want a noo race uv men I want a set uv customers with glass-lined stumicks backed up with fire-brick. I want a lot uv men with heads so constructed that they can go to bed drunk and wake up in the mornin and go about their work. I want a set uv customers with stumicks and heads so constructed that likker won't kill em jist ez soon ez it becomes a necessity to em; however, I manage to git on. There ain't no rose without a thorn."

This wuz the longest speech I ever know Bascom to make. Wat he sed is troo. I have eggsperienced it in my own person. I never kin go to work after a moist nite. However it hazen't made much diffrence in my case. I never woud work anyhow, drunk or sober, and ez I hev to lay in bed till noon after a damp nite, it is reely a savin to me. I git up after a moist nite jist in time for dinner, savin my breakfast, wich is economy. I git along better that way. I hev to pay for breakfasts, and ez I don't pay nothing for likker, all I save in breakfast is economy.

## This Interests You

Men's Two Piece Suits \$6.50 to \$12.50  
Men's Dress Suits \$4.50 to \$12.00

I can fit you in the same grade of suit or overcoat cheaper than any man in the United States. A large line to select from.

T. H. Humphreys - Kissee Mills

ef he cood keep on workin it, spendin the proceeds at my bar. Ther is very few men wich kin do this.

"And then death is another draw-back to my biznis. Ef a man cood only drink reglar and live to be 70, it woud be suthin with while. But they don't do it. They are cut off by the crooel hand uv death jist when they git to be yooseful to me. This one goes uv liver disease, tother one uv kidney trouble, rheumatism sets in and knocks one uv em off his pins, softenin uv the brane kills another."

Joe Bigler, who jist dropped in, doubted the last disease. "No man wich hed a brane to soften woud tetch the d—d stuff," sed he.

"And then," continued Bascom, "ther is chronic diarrree, wich raises the devil with em, and if one uv em gits hurt he never gits over it, and then bronckitis gits in on em, and dyspepsy—wat good is a man for work wich hez dyspepsy?—and ther is so many diseases that hits the man wich takes bizzin reglarly that they die altogether too early. Them ez holds on can't work after a certin time, and them ez don't hev the constitooshen to hold on perish like the lillies uv the valley, jist when they git reglar enuff to be profitable.

"And then other troubles interferences with me. When a man gits too full he quarrels and comes to an end from foolishness. I hev bin in this room twenty-five years, and I hev n't seen mor'n a dozen uv my best customers, some uv em with two do'ars a day to me, stretched out on the floor, with bullet holes or knife wounds into em. It wuz a severe blow when Bill Rutledge wuz killed rite where the deekin is sittin. He spent on an average \$4 a

I shel keep on, I spose, forever, but despite wat Bascom sez ez to the draw-bax I shoed like to be in his place. Beside wat I got off my customers, I cood git my own supplies at wholesale, and that woud be suthin. I shoed not experience a pang when I laid down a ten-cent piece, and wonder where the next woud come from.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.  
(With a consomin appetite.)

Didn't Eat Between Meals.  
"The boy has evidently been eating too much between meals," said the doctor.

"Nonsense!" replied the boy's father. "A boy can't eat in his sleep."  
"How do you mean?"  
"I mean that each of his meals begins when he gets up in the mornin and ends when he goes to bed."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Like Wormy Apples.

President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford university, after many years' experience, says: "Boys who smoke cigarettes are like wormy apples. They drop long before harvest time. They rarely make failures in after life because they do not have any after life. The boy who begins smoking before his fifteenth year never enters the life of the world. When the other boys are taking hold of the world's work, he is concerned with the sexton and undertaker."

Out of 412 boys examined by the naval enlistin officer at Peoria, Ill., only 114 were accepted. Of the 298 rejections the greater number were on account of weak hearts, and in the majority of cases this was caused by cigarette smoking.

## IN THE HOME NEST

Cheerful Evening Recreates for Tired Mothers

### MINISTER'S WIVES.

In no profession does personal address and individual popularity avail for more than in that of the minister. In no other profession or vocation does a man's domestic relations so seriously affect his success. The physician may be a thrice wedded widower in quest of a fourth twin soul, or an exemplary benedict, and not lose a patient as a result of these conditions. The lawyer's life lies wholly within the walls of his office, and the courtroom. The merchants command custom according to the excellence of their wares and their clever way of putting them on the market. A tailor who gives a perfect fit may be ever so ignorant or disagreeable he is sure of patronage. Even poor unlettered Rachel Jackson could not keep her husband out of the white house, nor could fascinating Francis Cleveland keep her's in it, yet a minister's wife can mar his usefulness, even to the utter destruction thereof. The people have the whip-hand when the pastor is a married man, for let him be ever so high strung he will bear much criticism, even to fault finding, before he will upset the wagon that carries his wife and babies. Many times the wife feels confident that it is her own inability to please that leads to the trouble, and she feels compelled to either neglect her family or fail in meeting the various demands whose fulfillment alone can bring to her popularity. Do what she may, let her be saint, seraph or diplomat, she cannot sustain him in his position when the wind of churchly favor veers.

A minister has little trouble in securing a wife, for as a rule ministers are well educated, well mannered and well dressed, and their success in winning the fair sex is too patent to be argued; and how little the unsuspecting victims realize the grave responsibilities which come with this alliance. The young minister may be ever so popular with his parish before marriage, but so soon as he installs his new wife as mistress of the manse the complexion of affairs is changed. His gentle partner may be nothing more than a timid shadow stealing at his heels, yet this shadow changes the perspective. If she asserts her rights and persists in looking well to her household she is dubbed useless in the church, and if on the other hand she devotes her time and talents to the work of the church she is blamed for neglecting her family. Her home affairs are discussed and handled by unclean hands and the sacred precincts of of the minister's fireside are invaded by the cruel busybodies, which infest all grades and conditions of life. To fit a woman of moral mould to the needs and fancies of a church is beyond the ability of an archangel.

The idea seems to be that a model minister must have a model wife, and in too many cases the wife is included in the engagement which hires him; and such a contract is surely iniquitous. What a private church member can do consistently with her duty to her husband and children she is bound to undertake and nothing more. That she is or is not accomplished, should affect her husband's influence no more than if he were a lay communicant in the church to which she belongs. The rule which makes the popularity won by her virtues ineffectual to succor him

in the hour of need, should work both ways or not all. The mournful conviction that he for whom she would sacrifice ease and life itself, would after all have done better for himself and the Master had he never married her, has broken many a loving heart and brave spirit.

Right here let us enter a plea for minister's children which some claim are the worst children in existence. Many seem to forget that the birthright of these children is no freer from the taint of sin than is that of other children, and if those who are ever ready to point out imperfections in the character of minister's children would read the history of the human family, they will find that the perfect children die before they are old enough to become contaminated by contact with the common progeny of the race. As a rule minister's children are largely deprived of the society and guidance of the father, while he is occupied in looking after other people's children and furnishing spiritual food to the church, and when at home he is obliged to give his time and thought to the preparation of his sermons, if he is worthy of the name of minister. As quiet is a requisite to study these poor children are often deprived of their rights and their little sports are spoiled because noise is a part of these sports. So next to ministers' wives we pity ministers' children, and wonder there are not more bad ones.

### MEMORIAL DAY.

Each recurring May is a reminder of the dark days of the sixties. The living today, who were on the stage of action forty-five years ago, can well recall those stirring, momentous times that thrilled the American people, both the north and the south. The music of fife and drum reverberated from every valley and hillside in our land. It was then our homes were tested to the utmost, sending forth husbands, fathers and sons, and leaving wives and daughters to care for farm and shop, while they should be braving the storms of battle. Those heart-rending times when grief ran so deep no utterance could be given, endearing embraces without a word, partings with a signal only of farewell. Truly those were stirring times and it seemed then that memory must ever dwell on the sad and hallowed scenes. But with the fast fleeting years how we have outgrown them all! and 'tis well, for life would be unfitted for the duties that ever await it. With most, today the Civil war is hardly a memory. A few whose wounds were keenest may yet have the indelible impression, and often recall the trying days of the 60's, but the larger remnant so seldom revert to them they are quite forgotten. But may we not so far forget but that in each bright May of coming years we will go forth with the first blossoms of spring and strew the lowly, grassy tents where sleep our fallen brave.

Bring flowers, bright flowers, with dewy jewels beset;  
Scatter them freely, lest we forget;  
And for centuries to come may we hallow the day  
By bringing our flowers on the 30th of May.

BETTER sweetness in the heart, than greatness in the mind.

THE radiant face, the noble form, the lady-like courtesy, the helping hand are jewels of rarer worth than diamonds.

### Malignant Abuse.

Somebody has called Mr. Rockefeller a Democrat. The people nowadays never get through saying mean things about a man, once they get it in for him.—Springfield Republican.